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Alfred Otto von BOLSCHWING

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1. We are forwarding for your information the following material from our files on Alfred Otto von BOLSCHWING.

2. Subject may be the von BOLSCHWING who in December 1934 was reported to be looking for gold in Palestine but was, in fact, in search of treasure, having heard in Germany that during the German retreat in 1918 the Army had buried a chest containing money in the neighborhood of Jordan. At the end of 1935, von BOLSCHWING was reported to have exhausted the funds provided for the search by credulous persons in Germany and was therefore unwilling to return to Germany at that time.

3. British sources, apparently prior to 1943, reported that an official Polish source had indicated Subject to be chief of the German I.S. in Romania where he had been since March 1940. This same report stated that Subject also directed German espionage in other Balkan states. He was said to have a number of army officers working for him and to have an office at 9 Str. Jarm called the "Deutsche Gewerkschaft Wirtschaftstreuhand" which enjoyed extra territorial rights. During this period Subject allegedly visited frequently a "German meeting place" at 91-93 Calles Victrola, Bucharest.

4. According to JMET, former SE chief, Subject held the SD rank of Hauptsturmfuhrer and was an outstanding figure, being extremely intelligent, capable and well-trained. Subject was dispatched to Bucharest with orders to set up an intelligence service and to contact the German Minority Group (Andreas SCHUBERT) and the Iron Guard (Herta GIER); General-General ROHR in Bromstadt; General OFENBERGER (Air Attache); Dr. REINHARDT, the Minister; and officers of the Abwehr. That he did

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so "was a considerable achievement," according to JOST, due to the intensity of inter-service rivalry. Subject was assisted in his work by Graf von MERAN, and he also had contacts with the local press. His contact with the Rumanian Foreign Office was very close and gave him the opportunity to examine secret reports received from Moscow, being himself an economist he was able to give a very clear picture of the economic problems of the country. JOST considered Subject the only German who understood political conditions in Rumania. Subject, however, made the mistake of protecting Iron Guardist leaders against the suppressive measures of ANTONESCU, thus interfering with and offending ANTONESCU against the wishes of the German Foreign Office. The upset was that Subject was recalled at the insistence of RIBBENTROP and all SD activity in Rumania stopped for the time being even though JOST had sanctified Subject's actions.

5. In 1944-45 one von BOLSCHEWITZ was reported as having a business address at Stubenring 6, Vienna. This individual was born around 1907-08, was described as having a pale complexion, long thin face, clean-shaven, blond hair going bald, blue eyes, 1.85 meters tall, and weight about 78 kgs. He was said to be very tall and thin, bearing himself with a slight forward lean, but nevertheless athletic. BOLSCHEWITZ was styled a soldier and also a merchant, is said to have worked for the S.D. "some years prior to 1944". He is alleged to have spent about nine months in a Gestapo prison for unknown reasons. This may, however, have been prior to 1943 at a time when BOLSCHEWITZ, working as a foreign exchange expert, was charged with assisting Jews to emigrate. BOLSCHEWITZ appears to have been an old friend of Alfred NAUJOKES, early Sipo and SD figure. NAUJOKES' interrogation shows that he knew BOLSCHEWITZ by the nickname of "Ossie".

6. In February 1948 Prince Nicolai STURDZA stated that he was then one of a group of Rumanians in Salzburg engaged in obtaining intelligence from Rumania via a regular courier service. The group was directed, according to STURDZA, by Herbert von MALLNER and Subject, who claimed to be employed by Colonel MURPHY in Frankfurt, described as Property Central Officer. The Rumanian group included also Kurt AUER, France's PLESKY and Ernst SCHLANT. The material received from Rumania via courier was said to be written in secret ink provided by MALLNER and Subject. Upon receipt, messages were sent to Munich for SW development and then returned to Salzburg for translation. STURDZA approached our station to express his dissatisfaction with the handling of the group. He considered that the net was capable of procuring significant intelligence

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from Romania, but that political and economic intelligence obtained was being sacrificed since the emphasis was entirely on military information. STURDEA sought & was in direct contact with ABE but was not recruited by the C-7 mission. He claimed to include in his own group, whose services he offered, two Romanians then in Paris, Col. Ion IUPUTEA and Princess Alice CAROLINA. He claimed to have many valuable contacts in Romania and mentioned specifically Col. Iorga PURNOS, Military Prosecutor, Gen. Radu ROSSU, Gen. Petru NIKOLASCU and the HORTIANU family. It seems possible that these latter at least might have been contacts of the GERMAN Romanian group then directed, apparently, by Subject and HALLER.

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